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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF USS CAPODANNO IN SEYCHELLES INDEPENDENCE  
CELEBRATION

1. USS CAPODANNO (FF1093) VISITED SEYCHELLES FROM JUNE 26-  
JULY 2 AS U.S. NAVY PARTICIPANT IN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.  
OTHER NATIONS INVITED TO SEND WARSHIPS WERE UK, KENYA, FRANCE,  
IRAN, AUSTRALIA, AND INDIA. IN ALL, NINE NAVAL VESSELS FROM  
LATTER FOUR COUNTRIES PLUS U.S. PARTICIPATED. FLAG OFFICERS  
PRESENT WERE VICE ADMIRAL MALER, COMMANDER OF FRENCH MARITIME  
FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND REAR ADMIRAL M.R. SHUNKAR,  
COMMANDER OF INDIAN WESTERN FLEET.
2. USS CAPODANNO, ALONG WITH OTHER NAVAL UNITS, PROVIDED HONOR  
GUARD FOR FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT NATIONAL STADIUM AND ARMED  
CONTINGENT FOR PASS IN REVIEW DURING JUNE 29 INDEPENDENCE DAY  
CELEBRATIONS. IN ADDITION, SHIP PARTICIPATED IN WELL COORDINATED  
21 GUN SALUTE AT MOMENT CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS WERE HANDED  
TO REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT JAMES R. MANCHAM.  
COMMANDER FREY AND WARDROOM OFFICERS FROM CAPODANNO ALSO  
HOSTED JULY 1 LUNCHEON ABOARD SHIP FOR SEYCHELLOIS GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS, SELECTED DELEGATES TO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS AND  
AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT IN SEYCHELLES.
3. CAPODANNO'S CAREFUL, ADVANCE PREPARATION FOR HER PARTIC-  
IPATION IN INDEPENDENCE ACTIVITIES WAS APPARENT AND INDICATED  
AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE WHICH GOS WOULD ATTACH TO HER ROLE IN  
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X CELEBRATIONS. SHIP'S PERFORMANCE IN THESE ACTIVITIES WAS

OUTSTANDING AND DEPORTMENT OF CREW ASHORE EXEMPLARY. VISIT  
HAS EVOKED MUCH FAVORABLE COMMENT AMONG SEYCHELLOIS AND FURTHER  
SOLIDIFIED LOCAL RECEPTIVITY TO FUTURE VISITS BY USN VESSELS.  
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